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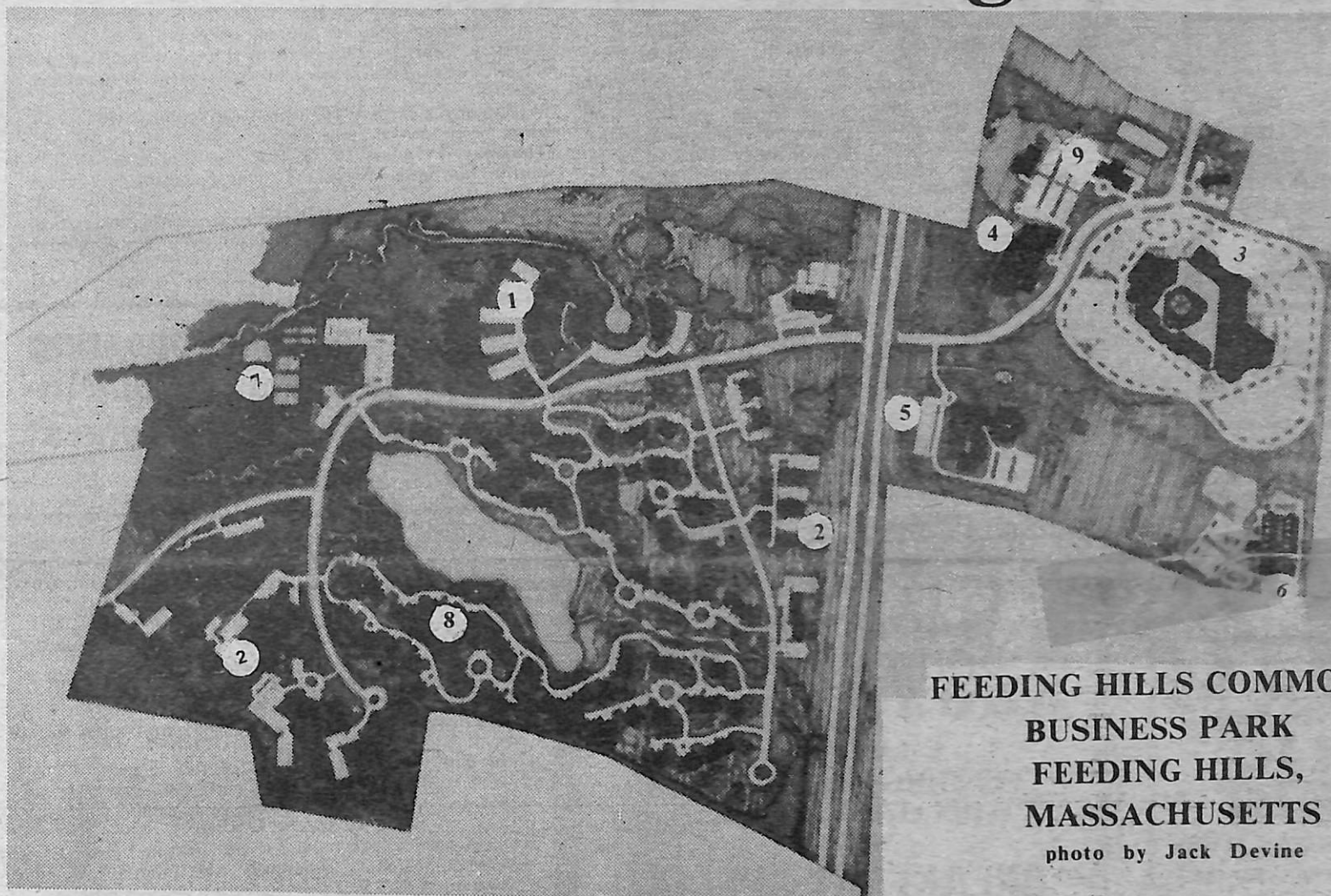
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Tuesday, February 6, 1979

Business Park Proposed For Feeding Hills

ELEMENTS

1. Corporate Business Center - Around small (4 acre) pond, corporate headquarters space and regional office space on 25 acres.
2. Small businesses - on two locations south of highway, land is set aside for local and new small businesses.
3. Enclosed retail complex - on 30 acres with major retail and specialty shops featuring centralized gazebo/performance center.
4. Hotel/Training Center- 100 room facility designed for conferences and corporate regional training needs.
5. Medical offices/outpatient facility - eight-10 unit outpatient and overnight facility, medical condominiums for group and solo practices.
6. Convalescent Home - 100 bed facility in proximity of medical facility.
7. Recreation/Physical Fitness Center - includes twin cinemas, bowling alley, indoor/outdoor tennis, racquetball courts, indoor track and shower facilities, tied to outdoor jogging courses and walking paths.
8. Condominium community - 250 to 300 condominium units are grouped around 35 acre fresh water pond; condominium units on wooded lots and hillside.
9. Free standing bank at entrance to business park with adjacent financial center, each with its own parking area.



FEEDING HILLS COMMONS
BUSINESS PARK
FEEDING HILLS,
MASSACHUSETTS

photo by Jack Devine

Peter Caputo, Agawam Town Manager, today announced the formation of Feeding Hills Commons, Business Park, a planned development, comprising 255 acres for corporate offices, middle and small sized businesses, an enclosed retail complex, hotel/corporate training complex, medical facilities, and recreation/physical fitness center.

According to Caputo, this development will begin "a new period of increased business and economic growth" for the town.

The development, by Beltrandi Associates of Agawam, will provide the first large scale suburban business park in the Western Massachusetts area. Total construction value will exceed \$50 million once completed in a time period of seven to ten years.

Beltrandi Associates, consisting of John J. Beltrandi of Agawam, and

Leon Charkoudian of Newton, today filed for Business B zoning for the large tract of land which is currently zoned agricultural.

President of the Agawam Town Council, Richard Theroux, praised the program, stating that, "coupled with our fine schools, the local airport, and close proximity to Bradley International Airport, Feeding Hills Commons, Business Park will greatly enhance the economic development of Agawam."

The site plan for the Business Park designates specific uses, such as, corporate offices, small businesses and medical facilities for each sector of the total tract of land, so that each area is compatible to the uses adjoining it.

The plan calls for approximately 300 residential condominiums surrounding a 35 acre pond. The housing units would be on wooded lots

and on a hillside overlooking the pond site.

The developers envision a total, self-contained village with all essential services within walking distance.

The new Route 57 bisects the Business Park with ramps on the easterly and westerly boundaries. When the new route is complete, Feeding Hills Commons will be 10 minutes from downtown Springfield, 15 minutes from Bradley International Airport, and 25 minutes from downtown Hartford, Conn.

Description of Development

Feeding Hills Commons and Business Park situated on 255 acres in the western part of Agawam, comprises many varied land uses, including corporate office buildings, small business space, enclosed retail complex, hotel/training center, medical facilities, convalescent home, recreation/physical fitness center and residential condominiums.

The development is the first large scale suburban business park in the metropolitan Springfield region. Construction value will exceed \$50 million in seven to ten years.

The developers envision a total, self-contained village with all essential services within walking distance. To be served by the

extension of Route 57, the property is located 10 minutes from downtown Springfield, 15 minutes from Bradley International Airport, and 25 minutes from downtown Hartford.

A corporate business center is located on a small pond with 25 acres devoted to corporate headquarters space and regional offices. Extensive land is dedicated to small businesses which may utilize sites as small as one acre, with additional space available for expansion.

An enclosed retail complex is situated on 30 acres for both major retailers and specialty shops. A centralized gazebo provides a performance center for local, as well as, national entertainment.

Medical facilities include an eight to ten unit outpatient/overnight facility, as well as, medical office condominiums for group and solo practices. Adjacent to the medical facility is a 100 bed convalescent home.

A 100 unit hotel is designed primarily as a corporate training/conference center.

The recreation center will include twin cinemas, bowling alley and restaurants. Adjacent is a physical fitness facility which will include indoor/outdoor tennis, racquetball courts, indoor track and shower facilities tied to outdoor jogging courses and walking paths.

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Statement by Town Manager, Peter Caputo

In announcing the formation of Feeding Hills Commons, Business Park, I believe that the Town of Agawam is beginning a new period of increased business and general economic growth.

After a year of working with the business leaders of the town, I am indeed very happy to make this announcement.

Feeding Hills Commons, Business Park, by its very concept of a planned, professionally designed development, will bring many and varied benefits to the people of Agawam and the surrounding region.

Increased business activity will enhance the general economic climate. In turn, the tax base will broaden, putting

less of a burden on the home owner and allowing us to logically and rationally plan for the future needs of the town.

The Park will provide much needed medical facilities, both in bringing doctors and dentists to Agawam, as well as, the outpatient clinic. Appropriately, a convalescent home has been placed adjacent to the medical facility.

The hotel/corporate training facility brings a conference complex new to the Western Massachusetts area.

The citizens of Agawam, as well as those throughout Western Massachusetts will benefit from the development of Feeding Hills Commons, Business Park.

Statement by Council President, Richard Theroux

Feeding Hills Commons, Business Park provides a logically planned development of the single largest parcel of land available in the Town of Agawam. This program, coupled with our fine schools, the local airport, and close proximity to Bradley International

Airport, will greatly enhance the economic development of Agawam, and increase the job opportunities for the people of Agawam and the whole region.

As important, the development, totally in the private

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February 7

5:00 BIG WEDNESDAY (PG-2:05)
7:30 UP CLOSE (1:00)
8:30 College Basketball:
KENTUCKY AT VANDERBILT
(Live)
10:30 MOVING VIOLATION (PG-1:31)
12:00 GRAY EAGLE (PG-1:44)

February 8

6:30 THE NORSEMAN (PG-1:30)
8:00 ALEX & THE GYPSY
(R-1:39)
10:00 THE BIG SLEEP (R-1:40)
12:00 F.I.S.T. (PG-2:25)

February 9

6:00 GRAY LADY DOWN
(PG-1:51)
8:00 THE SW/ RM (PG-1:56)
10:00 Boxing:
RETURN OF RAHWAY (Live)
11:00 SILVER STREAK (PG-1:53)
1:00 UPCLOSE

February 10

3:30 MOVING VIOLATION
(PG-1:31)
5:00 GRAY EAGLE (PG-1:44)
7:00 Special:
ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA
(G-1:37)
10:00 On Location:
PHYLLIS DILLER
11:00 COMING HOME (R-2:07)
1:15 Special:
ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA

February 11

2:00 SILVER STREAK (PG-1:53)
4:00 F.I.S.T. (PG-2:25)
6:30 THE WORLD'S GREATEST
LOVER (PG-1:29)
8:00 Standing Room Only:
BARRY MANILOW
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10:00 ALEX & THE GYPSY
(R-1:39)
12:00 VALENTINO (R-2:08)

February 12

6:00 THE SWARM (PG-1:56)
8:00 SMOKEY AND THE BANDIT
(PG-1:36)
10:00 GRAY EAGLE (PG-1:44)
12:00 GRAY LADY DOWN
(PG-1:51)

February 13

6:30 MOVING VIOLATION
(PG-1:31)
8:00 THE MOUSE AND HIS CHILD
(G-1:23)
9:30 ESCAPE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN
(G-1:37)
11:30 Special:
ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA
12:30 MOVING VIOLATION
(PG-1:31)

Caputo Appoints Three to Library Review Board

Town Manager, Peter Caputo announced today that he has selected three Agawam citizens to act as a 'Board of Review' in response to a request by the Agawam Business Association.

The Business Association has made inquiries to Caputo's office concerning procedures followed by the Central Library building committee.

Caputo said that Attorney Rene Thomas, Raymond Saracino, a salesman, and Thomas Coppola, an insurance agent, have all volunteered their services for

the board.

The Business Association has a list of questions which they feel must be answered concerning the procedures used by the library building committee. They have refused, however, to release the list until a board of inquiry was set up, stating that they wished to turn the questions over only to an impartial board.

Caputo indicated that the board will receive all the necessary information needed to look into the matter to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Student Incident Prompts Meeting

The Agawam Transportation Committee, comprised of James Coons, Joseph Ferrara, Jesse Fuller, Joseph Napolitan, Sergeant Longi, Carolyn Basset, and Marilyn Gaynor, will meet Wednesday to discuss recent student incidents which occurred on school buses.

The bus drivers called this meeting after a recent incident in which a bus driver was struck in the head by a metal ball while the bus was in motion. This incident along with several other on-going problems prompted the

meeting.

For the past three years, bus drivers have requested bus passes to help eliminate some of the confusion and problems which occur on the school buses. They intend to request bus passes at Wednesday's meeting along with a plexi-glass partition situated behind the driver, to protect the driver.

Another problem for consideration is the lack of enforcement of presently existing rules and regulations for riding a school bus.

School Lunch Menus

Agawam

Wednesday, February 7: Baked meat loaf w/ketchup, shipped potatoes, buttered waxed beans, dinner roll w/butter, butter pecan pudding w/whipped topping, milk.
Thursday, February 8: 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter & jelly sandwich, oven french fries, creamy cole slaw, ice cream, milk.
Friday, February 9: White meat turkey in gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered kernel corn, cranberry sauce garnish, school baked peanut butter & oatmeal cookies, milk.

Southwick

Monday, February 5: Turkey and cheese grinder w/lettuce and tomato, Brian potatoes w/catsup, oatmeal cookies, milk.

Tuesday, February 6: American Chop Suey w/shredded cheese, buttered corn, bread and butter, chilled applesauce, milk.

Wednesday, February 7: Oven baked frankfurter on roll, catsup, mustard, and sweet relish, oven baked beans, jello w/mixed fruit and topping, milk.

Thursday, February 8: Vegetable beef soup w/saltines, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chilled peaches, milk.

Friday, February 9: Cheese pizza, buttered peas and carrots, garden salad w/dressing, banana pudding w/vanilla wafers, milk.

Monday, February 12: Hamburger on bun, French fries, buttered corn, chocolate pudding w/topping.

Tuesday, February 13: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, shredded cheese, buttered peas, French bread w/ garlic butter, chilled peaches.

Wednesday, February 14: Oven baked frankfurter on roll, green beans, baked apple crisp.

Thursday, February 15: Beef & cheese pizza on English muffin, hot buttered vegetable, chilled pear salad on lettuce leaf, cookies.

Friday, February 16: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, potato chips, tossed green salad w/dressing, chilled applesauce.

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2/13: Bratwurst, scalloped potatoes, hot applesauce, ice cream
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2/15: Lentil soup, garlic bread, cottage cheese, apple pie
2/16: Fish squares, potato salad, peas, canned peaches.

Tickets are on sale now for the Boston Flower Show Thursday, March 22. Lunch will be at Jimmy's Harborside restaurant. Price: \$15.

We will have a Valentine Dance on Sunday, February 11, at 2 p.m. Our old friends, the Goldenaires, will be playing again, and there will be refreshments, as usual. Price 50¢. Please buy your tickets in the office, there will be no sale of tickets at the door.

We will have one or two busses, as needed, to see the flower show in Boston on March 20. Lunch at the wellknown "Jimmy's Harbor Side Restaurant", will offer a choice between Jumbo Shrimp a la Greque or Shish Kebab (lamb) Athenian style. Total price: \$15.00.

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Albro Brothers Withdraw Petition for Class III License

by Gail Loncto

In a letter dated January 31, 1979, Anthony and Albert Albro withdrew their petition to the Board of Appeals for a class three license.

Originally the Albro Brothers wanted the petition to extend their automobile salvage operation located at 267 South Westfield Street, and which is presently industrial zoned.

News of the petition caused area residents to launch a letter-writing campaign in an effort to block granting of the petition.

At a recent town council meeting, re-appointment of Theodore Progowski, who was deliberating the decision along with Jerry Zerra, and Donald Riviere, was delayed until after the controversial decision was reached. Councilor Fredrick Nardi requested the council to delay the re-appointment of Progowski noting that the council should reserve the right to dismiss Progowski if the wishes of the area residents were ignored.

The Albro Brothers noted that at this time, "it is in the best interest of all concerned to withdraw the petition."

As an off-shoot to the Albro Brothers petition, Dominic and Elaine DiDonato of Feeding Hills are spearheading a petition to rezone the east side of South

Westfield Street from Shoemaker Lane to Pine Street as residential. Presently the land in question is zoned industrial. The DiDonatos, who live on the west side of South Westfield Street and operate Doms' Auto Sales located at the same address, feel that "further encroachment on a primarily residential area should be stopped."

Using the Town's Master Plan, the Planning Board will consider rezoning not only the east side of South Westfield Street but the west side as well. If the South Westfield Street area is re-zoned, none of the businesses located there will be able to expand. Also, if the property is sold, zoning will automatically revert to residential, lowering property value in the area.

Mathieu Waniewski, owner of Waniewski Farms, located at 409 South Westfield Street, noted that he was opposed to the zone change. He stated, "we can't add on to our business or sell it as a business, so what do we do with it - work forever?"

The Planning Board is presently researching the petition to re-zone both sides of South Westfield Street to residential, and a decision is expected to be rendered in the near future.

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A 250 to 300 unit residential condominium community is located around a 35 acre fresh water pond. The residential units will be on wooded lots, as well as, on a hillside.

At the entrance to the Park, land is designated for a free standing bank with adjacent land for a financial center. Each facility has its own parking area.

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sector, imposes the tax base for the Town of Agawam through various types of businesses that will be brought to the Feeding Hills area.

Finally, the town needs appropriate medical and dental facilities and, certainly, would benefit from an outpatient clinic, as proposed for Feeding Hills Commons.

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Human Services Meeting To Be Held in Westfield

There will be a meeting of the Westfield Area Strategy Planning Team for Human Services on Tuesday, February 13 at the South Middle School auditorium, 30 West Silver Street, Westfield.

The hearing for Human Services is being held so that

the residents of the Westfield area may have an opportunity to have impact on the budget allocation process involving Human Services for 1981.

The Town of Agawam is included in this Westfield area team, and the team urges you to come and give your input.

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Valerie Berube Weds Timothy C. Sokoloski



On Friday, February 2, 1979, Valerie Anne Berube daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Berube of 61 James Street, Feeding Hills, became the bride of Timothy C. Sokoloski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Legro of Granby, Connecticut.

The wedding took place at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred heart Church in Feeding Hills.

Miss Patricia A. Sanderson served as maid of honor, and Peter Matthews acted as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School. The groom attended Granby Memorial High School and is now stationed at the U.S. Navy submarine base in New London, Connecticut.

YMCA Annual Fashion Show

Mrs. Phillip Roth of Agawam is part of an eight-member committee planning the Fourth Annual YMCA Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel on Thursday, March 8, at 12:30 p.m.

Steiger's spring line of dresses, sportswear, and suits will be featured as well as the new, shorter cocktail dresses. Half, misses, and junior sizes will be included, and door prizes will be part of the festivities.

Tickets may be purchased at the Springfield YMCA, 26 Howard Street, through Monday, March 5. Mail reservations will be accepted until Thursday, March 1. A stamped, self-addressed envelope should be enclosed if you wish your tickets mailed.

Reserved tickets may be picked up at the door. If blocks of ten reservations are received, the YMCA will reserve a table for those wishing to sit together. Tickets are \$8.

Call the Springfield YMCA for further information at 732-3121.

Holy Name Society to Meet

Monthly corporate communion of the St. Anthony's Holy Name Society will be Saturday, February 10 at the 6:30 mass. Members and wives are invited for refreshments after the mass.

The next meeting of the Holy Name Society will take place on Tuesday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall.

Speakers at this meeting will be Joseph Conte, Agawam's building inspector, and Louis Draghetti, Agawam's sealer of weights and measures. They will present a slide show and discussion of "Pitfalls when Heating With Wood."

The Holy Name Society's Valentine Dance and Smorgasbord will take place Saturday, February 24 in the church hall.

Tickets at \$4.50 each are limited and may be obtained from either Lou Scherpa at 786-0203 or Mike Delucci at 786-3584.

Career Evaluation and Information Center at Jr. High

The Agawam Junior High School is offering its students a chance to explore their career interests, aptitudes, and abilities at their Career Evaluation and Information Center.

The main goal of the career center, now in its second year, is to provide the opportunity for all eighth grade boys and girls to discover their strengths and weaknesses as related to the world of work, as well as to gain relevant job information. Students should be able to make better career decisions in, and after, high school after utilizing these centers.

The program at the center is based around eleven Singer Pre-Vocational Assessment Units. Each is an individualized work station or learning center designed to explore students' career interests and abilities along with their general attitudes and work habits.

Every work station is equipped with a filmstrip and cassette player to give step-by-step instructions and has all the necessary tools to perform the required work operations.

After a student completes each unit, both he and the teacher, Mr. Phil Kimball, complete written evaluations of the experience.

Once a student has explored two or three career areas, he or she does a job research paper, an assignment created to teach students what should be considered in making a career choice.

To date, the Career Center contains the following work stations: soldering and welding, bench assembly, medical service, sheet metal, electrical wiring, data collection, cooking and baking, engine service, carpentry, refrigeration, heating and air conditioning, and masonry.

The Town of Agawam has recently received two grants, parts of which will be used to fund two additional units. One will present small engine repair and the other, electronics.

These two units are presently out to bid and should be operational in the near future.



Laurie LaZazzera To Wed Timothy Gosselin

The engagement of Laurie Ann LaZazzera to Timothy James Gosselin has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. LaZazzera of 107 Brien Street.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael V. Rostkowski of 25 Kittrell Street, Springfield.

The bride-elect, a graduate

of Agawam High School, is a legal secretary employed by the law office of Bellucci and Howarth.

Her fiancé was graduated from Technical High School and is employed by Springfield Sugar and Products, Suffield.

An April 21 wedding is planned.

Two From Agawam Receive Honors at U. of Lowell

Two Agawam residents were among University of Lowell students receiving academic honors for the past semester. Requirements for semester honors include a semester average of 3.00 or higher with no grade less than "B."

Peter Beauregard of 208 School Street and Elizabeth Kajka of 70 Debra Lane are the two Agawam residents so honored by the school.

The University of Lowell was established in 1975 by the merger of Lowell State College and Lowell Technological Institute.

The undergraduate programs at the state institution are based in the Colleges of Education, Engineering, health Professions, Liberal Arts, Management Science, Music, and Pure and applied Science.

Other educational resources of the University of Lowell include a graduate school and continuing education division.

Total enrollment of all programs, including special workshop offerings for the fall semester, was over 12,000.

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Left to right: Al Christopher, Chairman; Dave Girotti, Sauce and Meatball Chairman; and James V. Bruno Sr., past president of UNICO. photo by Jack Devine.

UNICO Dinner Slated for Sunday

Agawam UNICO will sponsor its 18th annual Macaroni and Meatball Dinner on Sunday, February 11, 1979 from 12:30 to 5:30 at Agawam High School.

The menu will consist of macaroni, meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread, dessert, coffee or milk. A bake sale will also be held.

Tickets are \$2.50 for adults,

and \$1.50 for children. Proceeds will go towards scholarships, mental health, retarded children, campships, and other community charities.

Jr. Women's Club Notes:

'Secret Pals' to Meet

Members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club will go to Heritage Hall Nursing Home on Friday, February 9th to meet their "secret pals."

Women in the organization "adopted" elderly persons as "pals" last fall for exchange of correspondence. They have been sending cards and small gifts, and this week plan to meet with their "secret pals" in person.

Any women of the community interested in

continuing this kind of activity during 1979 are asked to contact Mrs. Barbara O'Connor at 786-6772.

Art Festival

Members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club have begun making plans for their fifth annual Arts and Crafts Festival to be held June 9th and 10th along Main Street in Agawam.

This event will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 9th and run until 5 p.m. and will run again on Sunday, June 10th from noon to 5 p.m.

Mrs. Nancy Rosner, 56 Lawnwood Street, has been chosen as this year's chairperson. She urges all area artists and craftspeople to contact Mrs. Rita Bluteau of 172 North Street for registration information.

Foster Care at Providence Children's Center Expanding

Once known as Brightside, an orphanage, Our Lady of Providence Children's Center, Inc., now is a multi-service facility providing care and counseling to troubled families and children.

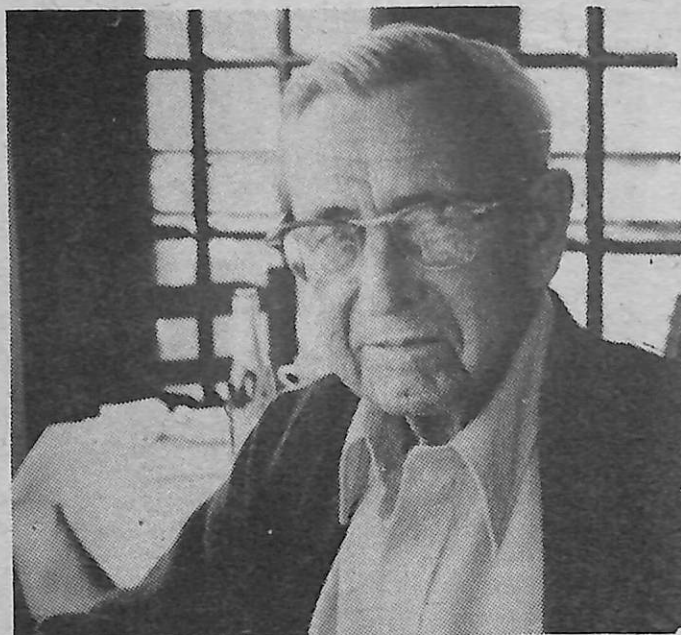
Presently, the Foster Care Program is expanding beyond infants to other specialized areas, including older children, teenage mothers and children at risk. Being sought are foster parents who can provide a loving, yet structured home. They

Harold Carr Celebrates 90th Birthday

Harold F. Carr, 76 Raymond Circle, Agawam celebrates his 90th birthday on Tuesday, February 6. Born in West Burke, Vermont in 1889, Mr. Carr lived in Longmeadow for forty five years before moving to Agawam 16 years ago.

Mr. Carr has two daughters, Mrs. William Testoni of Pittsfield and Mrs. W. Scott Carter with whom he makes his home. He also has five grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Mr. Carr, who was an electrician, has been a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for 68 years, making him the longest serving member in the Springfield area.



Mr. Harold F. Carr

Class of '58 Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1958 is planning their 20th class reunion to be held on March 31, 1979.

The committee in charge is unable to locate the following people: Robert Boden, Charles Clark, Richard Gagnon, Barbara O'Connor, Armand Pasquale, Jr., Peter Rossi, Wayne Secord, and Nancy Stebbins.

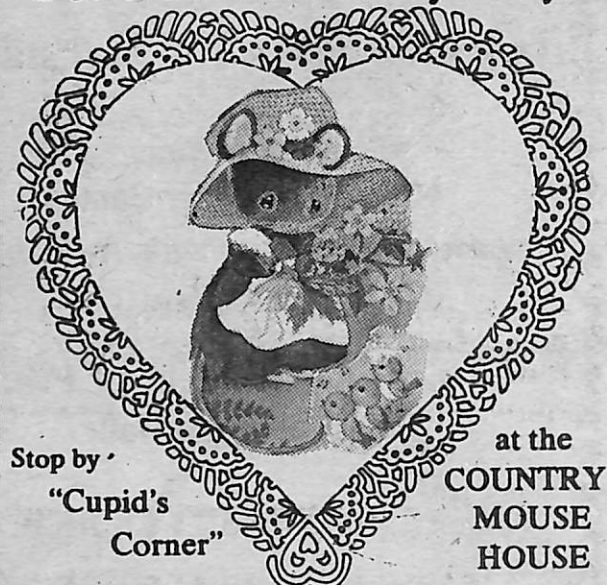
If you have any information on the people named above, please contact Carol Taylor, 526 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills at 786-1935 or Gloria DiDonato Cohoon, 370 Granville Road, Southwick at 569-5326.

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Eastern Star Party

The West Springfield Chapter 144 Order of Eastern Star will hold its annual Valentine Card Party on February 14, 1979 at the Masonic Temple, Elm Street, West Springfield at 8:00 p.m.

There will be refreshments, door prizes, table prizes, and favors and an evening of fun for a donation of \$1.25.

The public is welcome and tickets may be purchased at the door.

Jr. Women to Discuss Rape

How to be Attacked and Survive! and *How to Say No to a Rapist* are the titles of two thought-provoking filmstrips to be shown at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Venturini on February 12th.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs and is always open to new members.

Women of the community are urged to attend the informal evening meeting at the home of the current Public Affairs chairperson for the Agawam Junior Women's Club which will begin at 8:00.

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Inside the new Central Library on Cooper Street. photos by Jack Devine.

New Library Opens

The new Agawam Public Library officially opened on Monday, February 5, 1979. Hours when the new facility will be open to the public are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. from Monday to Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

A Gaylord Charge-Out machine is on order to facilitate the process of checking out books. Once this machine is operational, cards which include plates will have to be issued to each individual who wishes to check out books.

The new library includes a lounge/seating area where magazines, periodicals, and light fiction are located. Several display cases are available for any organization which may have collections worthy of display.

A special section where children's books are shelved alphabetically also includes brightly colored pillows tossed about the floor for children to sit upon and read.

The remainder of the reading material is shelved under classifications of juvenile non-fiction, teen fiction and non-fiction, adult fiction, and adult non-fiction.

The main reading room includes two small study areas and a section where reference material is available. A Xerox copier may be used by the

public at 10¢ per copy. Several art prints decorate the walls and are available for circulation.

The other rooms consist of a small conference room, offices for the head librarian and her assistant, and a large work room, as well as the Community Room where the Town Council and other groups may hold meetings.

The rest rooms have been designed with facilities for the handicapped in wheelchairs. The basement now houses back issues of approximately 124 periodicals subscribed to by the library.

Head librarian Donna Campbell wishes to notify town residents that all book returns may be made fine-free for the entire month of February.

A much stricter policy on overdue books will be instituted after February. According to Miss Campbell, after two notices have been sent for overdue books, the matter will be turned over to the Town Collector's office for collection.

Dr. Hare Joins Chiropractors



Dr. Alan B. Hare of East Norwich, New York, formerly of Agawam, has been selected for membership in the American Chiropractic Association. The announcement was made recently at the

organization's national headquarters at Des Moines, Iowa.

As a member of the ACA, Dr. Hare joins thousands of fellow doctors of chiropractic, all dedicated to improving general health care.

Dr. Hare is a graduate of New York College of Chiropractic located at Old Brookville, New York, and is a member of the New York State Chiropractic Association.

Membership dues support major programs of chiropractic education and research and provide materials for use in public education and vocational guidance.

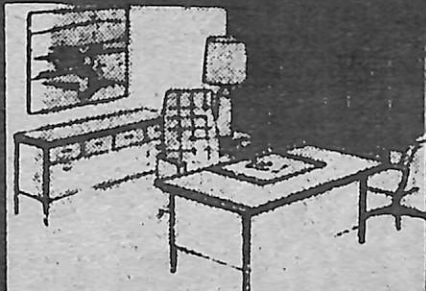
The announcement of Dr. Hare's selection was made by Dr. P. L. Aiken, president of the American Chiropractic Association.

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Alice Sullivan and Peter Cerone, both of Agawam at the recent Heart Fund Kick-Off Ball. photo by Jack Devine

Heart Sunday Volunteers Announced

The Western Massachusetts Division, American Heart Association, Wednesday night kicked off the 1979 Heart Campaign in Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin Counties by announcing a goal of \$200,000 - the highest in the division's history.

Western Massachusetts Division Fundraising Committee Chairman, Francis Mirkin, Esq., made the announcement at the Rodeway Inn in Chicopee just prior to the start of the Heart Ball benefiting the local Heart Division.

In conjunction with the above, Mrs. Kay Keefe, Heart Sunday Chairman in Agawam, has announced the following volunteers who will collect donations from their neighbors on and around Heart Sunday, February 11th.

Area chairmen: Mrs. Edmund Straszko, Mrs. Roger LeClerc, Mrs. Charles

Hodges, Mrs. Ena Shaer, Mrs. Roland Remington, Mrs. John Rioni, Mrs. Frank Mastramatteo, Mrs. Richard Delbarba, Mrs. Eleanor Stepanik and Mrs. Peter Hanson.

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matteo, Jr., Mrs. Judith Potter, Mrs. Walter E. Barker, Mrs. Richard Duga, Mrs. Richard Delbarba, Mrs. Edward Taupier, Mrs. Pauline Mickey, Mrs. Edward Kisielewski, Mrs. Eleanor Stepanik, Mrs. Thomas Pariseau, Mrs. George K. Wheeler, Jr., Mrs. Joseph W. Bercier, Jr., Mrs. Peter Hanson, Mrs. Barry W. Soden.

Third National Bank, Main Street, will again be the Heart Sunday Headquarters, with Roger Proulx, Community Treasurer, accepting the donations for the Heart Association.

All donations will be used to support the research and programs of the American Heart Association in its fight against the Nation's #1 Killer - Heart Disease. Please give generously. Remember "We're fighting for your life."

Title I Program Supplying Extra Help for Elementary Students

The Title I federal program is a continuing project begun in 1972 in the Agawam School System to provide reading and math instruction in the elementary schools. Along with teachers in both areas, home-school counselors were provided to work closely with the parents and children to increase the positive home-school relationship.

Schools selected to receive these federally-funded teachers and materials were chosen on the basis of the percentage of economically needy families with children who attend the schools. At present, all of the elementary schools in Agawam have Title I teachers, except for Phelps and Robinson Park Schools.

There are now 11 Title I teachers in our school system - five reading teachers, 4 math teachers, and two home-school counselors.

These Title I teachers are in addition to those teachers mandated under chapter 766 and also in addition to the regular reading teachers assigned to each school. According to Assistant Superintendent of Schools James Bruno, Title I teachers generally deal with 6 children at a time for a 30-minute time period each day four or five days per week.

Title I seeks to raise the achievement level of the child with special needs by providing a specific educational plan designed to meet his or her individual need. Special materials and equipment are made available through the project.

Mr. Bruno stated that the ideal is to keep a child in the program until he can work on his own, but that a child is usually kept in the program for the length of the school year.

Children are selected for the program on the degree of difficulty he is having in a particular area. Title I is supported fully by federal funds to meet these needs. In the past seven years, \$502,000 has been made available to Agawam by the federal government for this project.

Parents are urged to become a part of this program, and each Title I school has established a Parent Advisory Council, which meets with school personnel.

At a recent meeting, Mrs. Marilyn Talbot was elected chairperson of the local Parent Advisory Council. She is also a member of the state council.

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Heritage Hall To Rock and Roll for Heart Fund

Residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home will be rocking and rolling to benefit the American Heart Association on Valentine's Day, February 14th.

Boy Scouts from Troop 75 in Feeding Hills will be soliciting pledges for every "minute" and "mile" covered by the participating nursing home residents, who will have their rocking chairs and wheel

chairs on the go to raise funds for research into heart disease, still the nation's number one killer.

The public is invited to take part in the activities by pledging when a scout knocks on the door or by calling Scoutmaster Thomas Tourville or Venetta Snyder at Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

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Young Dems To Meet

The Young Democrats of Greater Springfield will hold their first meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. at the Blake's House of Banquets, 769 Worthington Street, Springfield, according to President Jim Shaer.

"We have many activities planned for this year. There will also be elections of new officers at this meeting," said Shaer.

All young Democrats between the ages of 18 and 35 are welcome.



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Editorials

Pops Concert Tops

by Charles Duclos

In the first of two performances set for February 2nd and 3rd, the Agawam Middle School was the setting for the Agawam High School Band's "Pop's Concert."

Director Darcy Davis' wonderful wand wafting of the winds brought the band bouncing breezily and briskly through beats and measures of marches and moving music, which set the tempo for Friday's program.

Followed by Dan Melbourne, a former Agawam Band member himself, Davis' young protegee led the group through a series of three numbers, ranging from "The House of the Rising Sun" to an overture by Rossini.

During the first phase of the program, individual band members were featured at various points; they were Kenneth Mallette, Dominic Dermine, Dana Mowrer, Charles Withee, Paul Sibilia, Carol Boucher, Mark George, and Andy Griffin.

Donning straw hats, vests, and long-sleeved white shirts, symbols of their group, the Wonderbars, four members of the Springfield Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Singing in America, carried the audience back in to the 20's, 30's and 40's with renditions popular to those time periods. The outgoing warmth and enthusiasm of their leader, Reggie Stock, was overflowing to the other members, Frank Morrissey, Joe

Sullivan, and Dick Sturn...all of whom projected their tunes and personalities to those in attendance and completely spell-bound us in these moments of nostalgia. They even held the attention of the younger set...those who, I thought, only listened to rock 'n roll. How about that!???

David Baldock, music teacher and director of the jazz band contingent, and his group charmed the listeners into submission with their variation of the "Flintstones" theme song...so familiar to those of us who watch T.V. with the kids. The group's "Pressure Cooker" blew the lid off the program, and creaking joints were very much in evidence as we swung our legs and tapped our feet to the building crescendo of this type of music.

Student director, Ken Mallette, every inch an Arthur Fiedler, drew his peers' respect and attention, by faithfully following him through Frank Perkins' "Fandango", an intricate piece of music for a young conductor to lead.

Where can a person go today and get two and a half hours of exciting entertainment for one dollar? All one has to do is look to his schools, which are putting on this kind of program. Regardless of whether it is a musical event, drama program, sports spectacular, etc., it's an investment in our town's young people and worth the dollar...every 100 cents.

Liquor License Commission

PVTA Hearing

The PVTA will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday night, February 6, 1979, at Agawam Town Hall, hearing room, at 8:00 p.m. on the petition of the Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc. To raise its Springfield to Agawam fare from 50¢ to 75¢ and its fare within Agawam from 35¢ to 50¢.

All interested citizens are urged to attend.

Public Hearing on Foster Care

Water Interruption

The Department of Public Works wishes to notify residents along Main Street from Elm Street to Leonard Street, including all side streets in this area, that the water service will be shut off on Thursday, February 8, at approximately 8:30 a.m.

The shutdown is necessary to replace a faulty valve. It is estimated that the water will be off for a period of four hours.

In the vent of inclement weather, the work will be rescheduled to February 13 at the same time.

The Town of Agawam Liquor Licensing Commission will meet on Wednesday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Administration Building Hearing Room, first floor, 36 Main Street, Agawam.

The Agawam Board of Health will meet on Thursday, February 8, at 7:45 p.m.

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the Town Administration Building Hearing Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam.

Council For Children

The greater Westfield Area Council for Children has joined with the Foster Care Committee of the Statewide Advisory Council of the Office for Children in sponsoring a special hearing on foster care at Fanueil Hall, Boston, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on February 8.

This hearing will be used to develop legislative priorities and new strategies to improve foster care services in the Commonwealth of Mass. and will be presented to state and federal policy makers.

The needs of foster children in the greater Westfield area must be documented to insure that these children are given the best possible care.

All those interested in foster care and children are urged to attend this important public hearing.

Attend the Services of Your Choice This Week

We will be running this column weekly to inform you of the hours of services at your house of worship. Activities at your parish hall will also be listed. If you would like to see other information about your church send them into this newspaper or contact your parish leader who is responsible for publicity. This information is furnished as a public service.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Invidious indications from the Iranian situation demonstrate outrageous foreign relations ineptitude by the White House. When PBS Robert MacNeil questioned 78-year-old exiled Ayatollah Rohollah Khomeini at his French headquarters in Neauphle-le-Chateau, January, Khomeini said that "NO" member of the American government had ever contacted him. That negative reply speaks louder than all of Washington's glowing press releases.

The 2500-year-old peacock throne appears plucked as Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, America's steadfast ally of 38 years, loving his

homeland and people too much to have further bloodshed, wept as he courageously left his beloved homeland. Iran's future is grim: religious extremism; xenophobia; retreat from modern technology to agrarian isolationism; and a more than probable Communist takeover.

I feel sorry for the youthful Iranians, whose exuberant protests may eventually destroy the security and stability they now possess. The aging Ayatollah Khomeini's bitterness has clouded his judgement and Iran has lost its true leader.

Markham H. Lyons
Waltham, Mass.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by LAWRENCE G. PARO of Feeding Hills, Hampden County, Massachusetts, dated January 9, 1978, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4538, Page 289, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, there will be sold at public auction at nine o'clock a.m. on Thursday, March 8, 1979, on Lot 1 of the premises hereinafter described, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage, said premises being therein described substantially as follows, to wit:

"a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in AGAWAM, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lots 1 (one), 2 (two), 3 (three) and 4 (four) all as shown on a plan entitled "Plan Of Lots North Westfield Street Agawam, Mass. For Frank Solitario Main Street Agawam, Mass." and to be recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said Lots.

SUBJECT TO restrictions of record, to the extent any are in force and applicable.

SUBJECT TO easement rights of Western Massachusetts Electric Company as successor in interest to Turners Falls Power and Electric Company under instrument dated June 11, 1917 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 979, Page 367, and as confirmed in instrument dated August 1, 1960, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 2759, Page 472.

SUBJECT TO rights granted Western Massachusetts Electric Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company dated June 30, 1967, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 3269, Page 196.

Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor herein by deed of Frank J. Solitario, which deed is to be recorded herewith in Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Including as part of the realty all portable or sectional buildings at any time placed upon said premises and all elevators, pipes, oil burners, furnaces, heaters, hot water heaters, ranges, refrigerators, refrigerating apparatus, plumbing, gas and electric fixtures, screens, screen doors, storm doors and windows, mantels, shades, awnings, and all other fixtures of whatever kind and nature at present or hereafter installed in or on the granted premises which renders such articles usable in connection therewith so far as the same are or can be by agreement of parties be made a part of the realty.

Said Lot 17 (seventeen) is subject to a twenty (20) foot storm drain as shown on said plan.

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By Thomas J. Howard Jr.
Its Treasurer
Westfield, MA
Scharoff and Smith, P. C., Attorneys
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Caputo Sees Tax Cut In Future

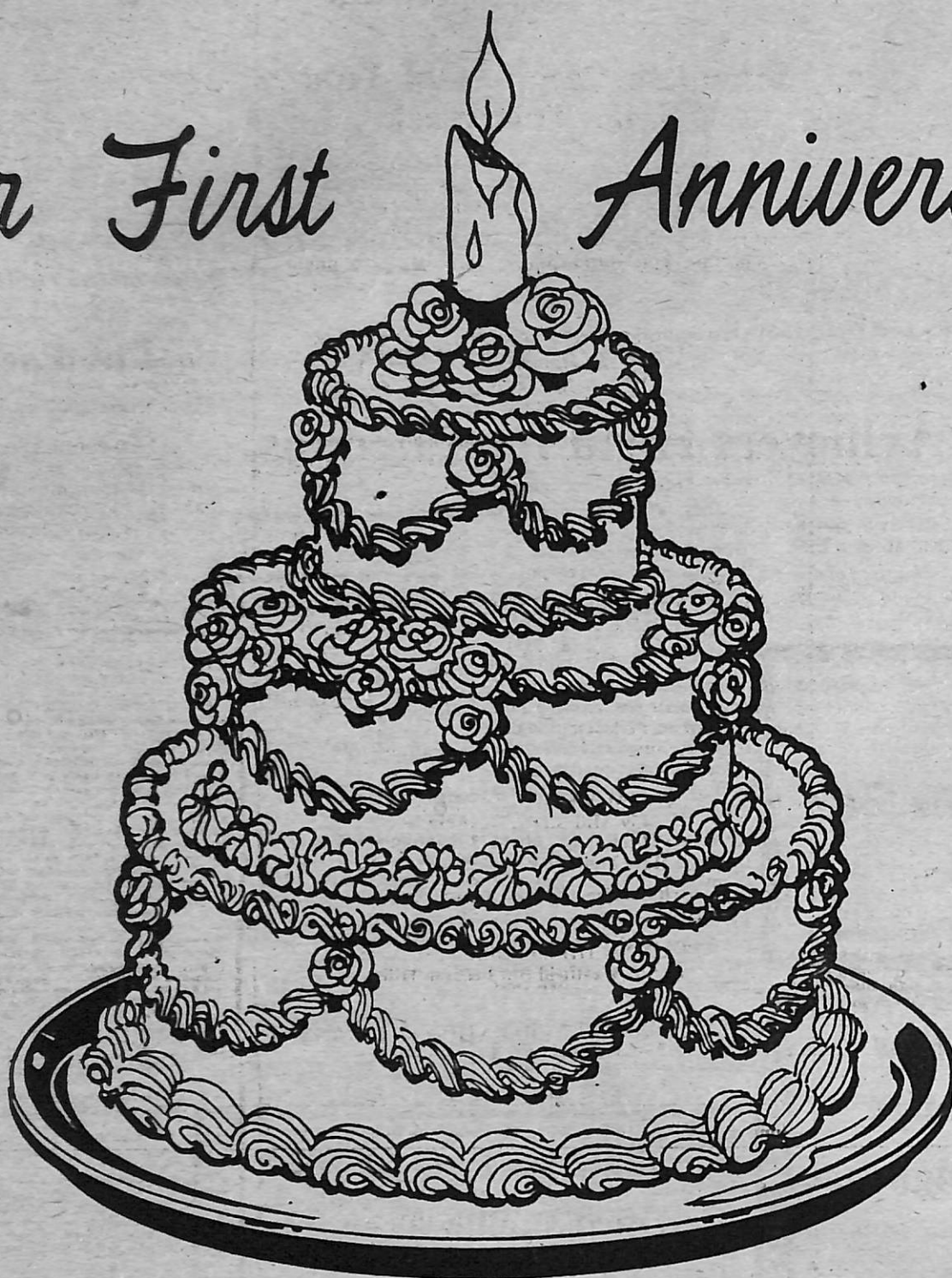
Town Manager Peter Caputo has announced the completion of the 79-80 fiscal administrative budget. He noted that the Council budget committees have been called upon to begin their review processes.

Caputo stated that he was "very optimistic" about a budget cut, "unless something extraordinary happens."

Caputo said that he has not seen the school department budget as yet, but that from the administrative standpoint, a tax cut of "at least \$3.00" would be forthcoming if the school department could keep its budget within certain limits.

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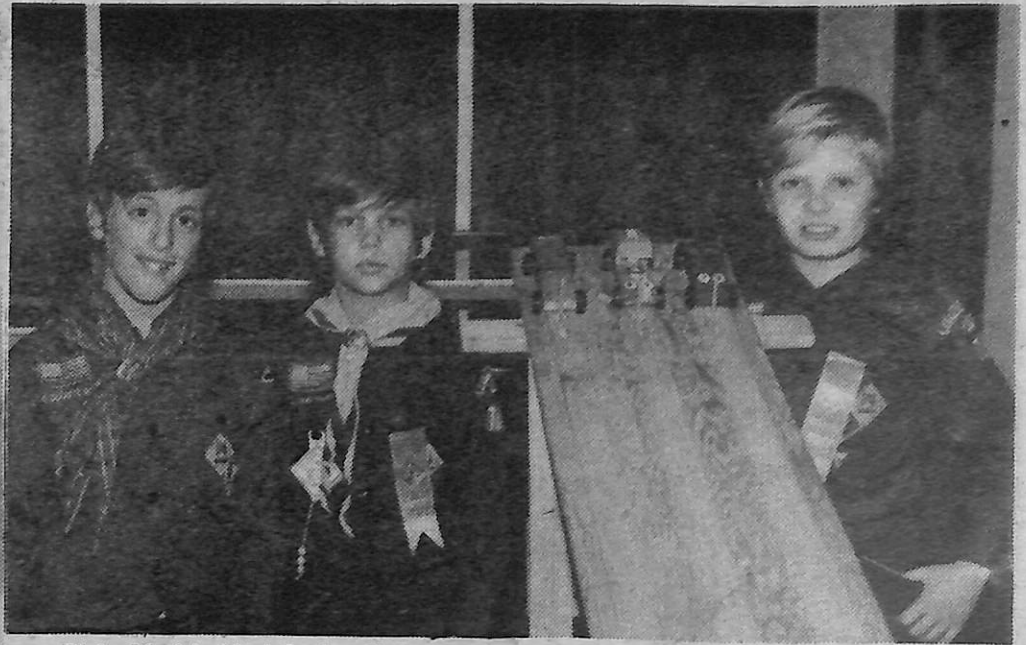
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High School Principal David Theodorowicz, Leah Wylie and Stephen Berard. photo by Jack Devine



Ricky Mesick, Mark Lacienski, Jon Smidt - all winners in the Pinewood Derby. photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Jr. Achievers Head for Poconos

Leah Wylie and Stephen Berard, will be heading for the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania, to take part in the Region One Junior Achievement Conference (ROJAC). The two are the only representatives from Agawam, in the group of over a thousand junior achievers on the east coast.

They are among the 36 achievers who will be going from the Western Mass. and Worcester area. In qualifying for the trip, an achiever must have an application filled out by their advisor, and then must take a test based on

Junior Achievement, business and economics, and the Free Enterprise System. Finally, they are evaluated by the advisor, center manager, and staff, when a final decision is made. Leah is a first year achiever from the Delta Delegation Company, sponsored by the Rexcord company. She is a Vice President of Sales for her company, and is among the very few who attend the conference in their first year

of Junior Achievement. Steve is a third year achiever, and a member of the Last National

Bank company, sponsored by the Springfield Institution for Savings. He is a teller, and he also audits for the bank. Both Leah and Steve are 'very excited' about their trip which

begins Tuesday, February 27th, and ends Saturday, March 3rd. While in Pennsylvania, they will stay at the Mount Airy Lodge. Recreation is varied, as the

lodge offers indoor ice-skating, indoor tennis, and indoor swimming. They will attend seminars and workshops conducted by J. A.

leaders, discussing topics ranging from sales methods to running a company.

Leah and Steve are both 10th grade students at Agawam High School.

Cub Pack 75 Holds Derby

On Sunday, January 28, the Cub Scouts and Webelos of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills held their annual Pinewood Derby race. Activities got under way after all the cars were weighed in.

The derby winner for this year was John Smidt of Den 2. In second place was Mark Lacienski of Den 1, and in third place, Ricky Mesick of the Webelos.

The individual den winners were as follows: Den 1, Mark Lacienski; Den 2, Eric Early; Den 3, Steven Baszak; Den 4, Peter Shannon; Den 7, John

Smidt; Den 8, Joey Strycharz; Den 9, Mark Nowark, and Webelos, Ricky Mesick.

The den mothers also raced their own cars and the winners were Darlene Perry, first place, Nancy Jarvis, second, and Carol Mesick, third.

The fathers had a good time judging and racing their cars. George Collins was the winner in this event.

A really fine time was had with all the boys receiving a ribbon for entering. Delicious desserts were prepared by Dens 1, 2, and 3.

Cub Pack 75 News

On Wednesday, January 31, a mini-pack trip was held by Cub Scout Pack 75 at the Riverside Rollaway in Agawam.

It was a lot of fun for first-time roller skaters and, of course, there were a lot of spills.

A new T-shirt was awarded to Mark Nowacki as the "Most Improved Skater" for the evening.

A reminder to all scouts

that this Sunday is Cub Scout Sunday, and a special section is being reserved at Sacred Heart Church for the 9 a.m. mass. Please wear your uniforms.

Pack 75 wishes to thank all those people who donated papers to their recent paper drive. The Cub Scouts were able to contribute half of the proceeds to the Boy Scouts to help them purchase new supplies.

Foresman Named to Dean's List

FORSMAN DEANS LIST
Miss Suzanne S. Forsman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Forsman of North West Street, Feeding Hills, attained Dean's List standing for academic excellence last semester at Bay Path Junior College. To receive this

honor, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.25 or above.

A member of the Class of 1979, Miss Forsman is enrolled in the Travel Administration program. She is a member of the college's Maroon Key Honor Society.

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be handled by the staff of the Agawam Advertiser/News. The deadline for the Winter sports category is March 15, 1979.

Individuals eligible for the award are Agawam High School Senior Athletes (graduating in 1979) who participate in sports which the Agawam Athletic Association sponsors teams.

Visit a Vet

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Ladies Auxiliary #1632 of Agawam is happy to announce that their

these hospitals. A little entertainment or a short chat goes a long way with these people.

year round Veterans Hospital Program is progressing nicely. Every month a visit is made to a VA hospital.

Soldiers Home or VA affiliated rest home. It is sad to have to remind people, but,

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Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

Hopefully, all our readers will participate in the February bird count sponsored by the Massachusetts Audubon Society.

This annual event is held on the second weekend of February, which falls on the 10th and 11th this year. The composite results help the Mass. Audubon Society analyze the bird life in our area and chart migratory trends as well as postulate on birth/death rates.

An official count card can be obtained by writing to Census, Massachusetts Audubon Society, Lincoln, MA 01773. Include a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope. A standard postcard filled in with the appropriate information can also be used. These postcards may be mailed to the above address or sent to Mrs. Helen Bates, Laughing Brook Nature Center, 789 Main Street, Hampden, MA 01036.

On your postcard include your name and address. By comparing addresses, the counters are able to cut down on duplicate sightings.

The birds to be included in the count are mockingbirds, titmice, and male and female cardinals. Be sure to differentiate the number of cardinals by sex, an impossible task with the other species.

How you count is very important as an incorrect count is worthless, if not detrimental. Conduct your count on Saturday and Sunday only. If a hundred cardinals besige your feeder on Friday, it's interesting, but

not countable. Report the maximum number of a species seen at one time.

If you see a titmouse at ten in the morning and at two in the afternoon, your count is one since there is no way of knowing whether or not it is the same bird visiting twice. It is very important not to inflate the numbers; be conservative if in doubt. Report only the number you are positive of and only those sighted on those two dates. Do not give a number for each day, only the maximum seen on either day.

The following is a capsulization of the field marks of the species included in the count. If you have taken the time to keep watch but have seen no birds, send the card along with zero counts as the lack of birds in an area is just as informative as a large count.

MOCKINGBIRD: 9-11 inches, robin-sized. Slender, long-tailed gray bird with white patches on the wing and tail.

TITMOUSE: 6-inch sparrow-sized. Gray above and white below, rust-colored sides, conspicuous crest.

CARDINAL: 8-9 inches. Male-bright red with crest, black face, stout red bill. Female-buff-brown tinged with red on crest, wings, and tail.

GOOD LUCK!

40 & Over Club at Feeding Hills

Do you enjoy eating out? Do you enjoy games, fellowship or an afternoon of working with your hands? There is a new "In Group" meeting twice a month in the Feeding Hills section of town. While it is aimed at the senior age group, anyone "40 and Over Club". They meet the first and third Wednesday at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church Fellowship Hall. It is open to all interested. Reservations are needed for the luncheon, served at 12:00 noon.

February 7th's main course will be fish chowder. A donation of 75c to cover expenses is accepted. For reservations call the office, 786-5061. Each is asked to bring a Valentine for exchanging, handmade or bought, pretty or funny.

Newspaper or company coupons will be exchanged or given to those who can use them. Bring in any you do not use.

Following each lunch an activity is planned, geared to your wishes.

On February 21st, meat loaf with all the trimmings will be served. Lunches are always complete, served hot, and seconds are available.

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Sports



The Agawam High Girls gymnastics team is pictured above. From left to right, standing: Laurine Greguoli, Suzanne Conway, Suzanne Poirier, Lori Cosby and Tracey Settle. Kneeling, same order: Teresa Saletnick, Sue Milar, Pam Cullins, Patrice Ross, and Lori Pajer. Missing from picture is Lisa Hadden. photo by Jack Devine

AHS Wrestlers Downed by Classical 24-17

Agawam High School wrestlers, minus the services of captains Jerry Mason and Gary Geiger, were on the short side of a 24-17 score against Classical on Saturday, January 27th.

John Lester (100) put Classical on the scoreboard first with a 9-0 major decision.

Agawam came back with three regular decisions: Bob Schwein (107) 8-2 over Pat Vadnai; Steve Fields (114) 6-2 over Chris Grassetti; Frank Bonavita (121) 8-2 over Ken Ashe.

Classical turned the tide in their direction by taking the next five matches before Ross Fogg (169) wrestled Tom Ferris to a 4-4 tie.

The only pin of the evening belonged to Mario Mercadante (188). Merc, who joined the wrestling team just three days before, pinned Classical's Kevin Grube in the second period to put the Brownies within four points of the Bulldogs. Classical's Dave Siano (HW) put the win away with a 3-0 decision over Jay Barry.

Agawam lost to Classical, but they were not defeated as they came back on Wednesday, January 31st, to beat Cathedral. Rebounding from an 0-6 deficit, Steve Fields continued to impress the opposition by taking a 17-1 superior decision over Dan

Tabb.

Frank Bonavita put Agawam ahead with an 8-0 decision over John Norwood, to remain undefeated in 12 matches. Paul Zerinopoulos increased the lead by scoring a 13-0 superior decision over Tom Mendes.

Chuck Mickey (140) took a 6-3 decision over Artie Knodler, while Dan Guthrie (147) kept the points coming in the Brownies' direction with an impressive 13-3

decision over Tim Logan.

With the score 21-15 in Agawam's favor and three matches to go, Ross Fogg gained an 11-1 major decision over Tony Gabinette. Mario Mercadante locked up the victory with a 10-8 decision over Mike Garvey. Jay Barry put the icing on the cake, defeating Jim Curran 10-5.

Agawam came up the winner 31-15 over the Panthers, bringing their record to 11-1.

Cagers Bow to Amherst Despite Late Charge

Lou Conte is beginning to wonder what it will take in order to put his derailed quintet back on a winning track. Friday night was no exception.

"We played darn good basketball then made a couple of mistakes, and it cost us a ballgame," Conte bemoaned after watching his team fall short in the final second against Amherst 67-63. "We just seem to fall short late in the game."

The Brownies did indeed give the much taller and quicker Hurricanes all they could handle. A layup by sharp shooting guard Don Whitfield off an aborted Agawam press and two clutch free throws from the ever present Daryl Fleming stymied a furious fourth quarter rally by Conte's cagers. Amherst, using a long range run and gun offense had watched an 11 point margin dwindle to 61-59 when Ricky LeClerc swished a pair of foul shots with 2:04 remaining.

Guard Tommy Knight then stole the ball from Ralph Lee who promptly creamed Knight on his layup attempt. Knight however failed to convert on either charity toss giving Amherst possession with 1:43 showing on the clock.

A traveling violation against the visitors gave Agawam another opportunity with a minute left. But Knight, who netted 12 of his 14 points in the second half failed on a 15 footer.

Two foul shots by big center Gary Mann with 42 seconds left lifted the Hurricanes to a four point spread. Seconds later LeClerc missed on a driving layup which enabled Fleming and Whitfield to ice the hard fought decision.

"We had a few chances at the end to even it up but the ball wouldn't fall for us," Conte said. "It's too bad since the kids showed a lot of character with that comeback."

Conte, in his rookie season at the Agawam helm, cited the foul problems of junior center Abe Yacteen as the prime source of Amherst's victory formula. "It sure did make a difference when I had to take Abe out in the third period," Conte maintained.

Conte is quite right in his statement concerning the steadily improving Yacteen. Yacteen was issued his third

felony midway through the third quarter. Agawam held a 42-39 lead at this interval. Amherst ran a 14-2 clinic in the next five minutes while Yacteen, sporting 14 points and 11 rebounds to his credit, watched helplessly from the bench.

Although most of the Hurricane field goals were of the downtown variety, the Brownies appeared confused without Yacteen. The offense sputtered as LeClerc stood alone against a jumping jack front line.

"We decided to play the percentages and keep Abe on the bench," Conte declared. "I had put him back in we may not have had him for as long as we did in the fourth quarter." (Yacteen fouled out with 42 seconds left.)

The quicker Hurricanes came flying out of the starting gate in the opening session as they tried to establish a fast tempo of action. Realizing the disadvantage of becoming involved in a playground style contest, Conte instructed guards Knight and Jerry Quill to utilize a more deliberate patient offense.

"Man-to-man Amherst is a better ballclub. They're quick and good," the Brownie mentor said. "We let them shoot from the outside to keep them from using an inside game on us, and it worked."

Yacteen and LeClerc put on quite a show during first half action which structured a well earned 36-35 lead for the host at the intermission. LeClerc who finished his evening work with 18 points and rebounds was a perfect four four from the floor and three for three on charity line duty during the opening half. Yacteen meanwhile canned backboard-benders and 9 first half points.

"Ricky has been our most consistent player all year long, but he's even more effective when Yacteen is getting involved with the offense. Abe is showing a lot of improvement after a two year layoff," analyzed Conte. Agawam increased the slim halftime advantage to 42-37 when streak shooting Tommy Knight ripped the cords on three consecutive attempts.

Fleming led all point getters with 19 followed by Whitfield's 14. Mann chipped in 12 to the Hurricane cause including a spectacular slam dunk early in the first period.

AHS Skiers Near Season's End

According to Agawam High Boy's ski team coach Steve Files, the Brownie squad has had "a great year," and is presently in the race for the B Division crown.

The squad is six points behind Amherst in the B Division, and is hoping to pull it out with two meets left in the year before the season-ending All-Western Mass. race. Agawam's bid for the B title will be on the line this Thursday, when they race at Berkshire East.

"We're stronger in giant slalom competition, and we're racing in giant slalom on Thursday. We hope to do well there," Files quipped. Agawam's skiers are presently second in the B Division race, followed by Chicopee Comp and preceded by powerful Amherst.

The Brownies finished eighth in a pack of 14 in competition last Thursday, compiling a total mark of 161.67. Northampton edging them out of seventh by 1.7

points. Files commended Billy Scherpa, Christopher Rubeli, and Rick Nelson on turning in fine times to set the pace for Agawam.

"Scherpa has been consistent the year through. He's one skier I can count on. Nelson's also an excellent skier. He'll be with us another two years, as he's only a sophomore," Files stated.

Agawam's ski team boasts of 14 members, 5 of them are seniors. While Files will lose the 5 senior racers this year, he's looking forward to some "excellent skiers" coming up from the Jr. High School in 1980.

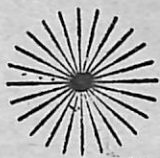
Bowl-a-thon at Agawam Bowl

The Agawam Bowl Center on Walnut Street, Agawam, will be sponsoring a Jr. Bowl-a-thon February 16th and 17th to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Bowlers will be collecting pledges in their areas beginning February 2. Prizes will be awarded for the most amount of money raised, along with a raffle drawing from each league.

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Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba



New Hampshire has started its turkey program with the stocking of birds captured in the lower Connecticut Valley area.

In January, 1975, 27 birds from New York and Vermont were released in the Cheshire-Sullivan Counties area. The Fish and Game now estimates that a population of over 700 birds are in the Walpole-Langdon area.

By the spring of 1980, Ted Walski, project leader, hopes that there will be a spring-limited hunting season.

Meanwhile, birds are being live-trapped with a cannon net and introduced into the Belknap, Merrimack, Rockingham, and Strafford Counties.

We received the final results of the deer, bear, and turkey results. Fall turkey, archery deer and buck-season deer totals are down. Bear and spring turkey figures are up.

The season totals are bear, 312; archery deer, 1,688; bucks, 7,087; fall turkeys, 637; and spring turkeys, 210.

The 1978 buck season was the poorest in 26 years. The archery season figure was nearly 20% under the year before, but it is still the second highest in Vermont history and by far, the biggest in New England.

The spring gobbler season total was 210 with 9,219 permits issued. The fall either-sex season totaled 637 with 12,336 permits.

One of the largest fishing derbies to be held in the Northeast is February 17 and 18 at Lake Champlain. Over \$7,000 in prizes will be

awarded, and the entry fee is only \$5.00. You can fish Saturday and Sunday.

A total of 468 walleyes tagged by the Fish and Game Department are out there waiting to be caught. Each fish sports a tag worth \$25, but one with a particular number is worth \$5,000 to the lucky fisherman who catches it. In addition, the ten largest walleyes will bring prizes of \$50 to \$200. The awards will be given at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Apply Early

The Department of Environmental Protection of Connecticut announced that 1,489 campsites will be available in 17 state parks and forests during the 1979 camping season with no increase in per-night fees. The season opens April 15 at all camps except Lake Waramaug State Park (May 15) and runs through September 30.

Reservation requests for the busy May 15 to Labor Day period are now being accepted, but must be made on the official 1979 application form by mail only.

Forms may be obtained by phoning 566-2304 or by writing to DEP, Parks and Recreation, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06115.

Heart Bowling Week

The Massachusetts Tri-County Bowling Association will host the 17th Annual Heart Bowling Week to benefit the Western Massachusetts Division, American Heart Association, as announced by Tournament Chairman Arthur Corey of South Hadley.

Tournaments will be held during the week of February 11th through the 17th.

Other committee members include Henry Ingram of Greenfield and Leland Jefferson of Chicopee.

Ten area bowling establishments will participate in this event, including Agawam Bowl, Shaker Bowl, Treadway Bowl-O-Mat, Riverdale Lanes, Wilbraham Ten-Pin, Greenfield Powl-O-Mat, Town and Country, and the Holyoke, Northampton, and Airways Brunswick Lanes.

The entry fee will be \$1 per person, and the tournaments will be conducted during league play. Registration forms will be available at the

above-mentioned houses and any questions may be directed to the lane representatives. Valentine lollipops will also be sold during the tournaments to benefit Heart.

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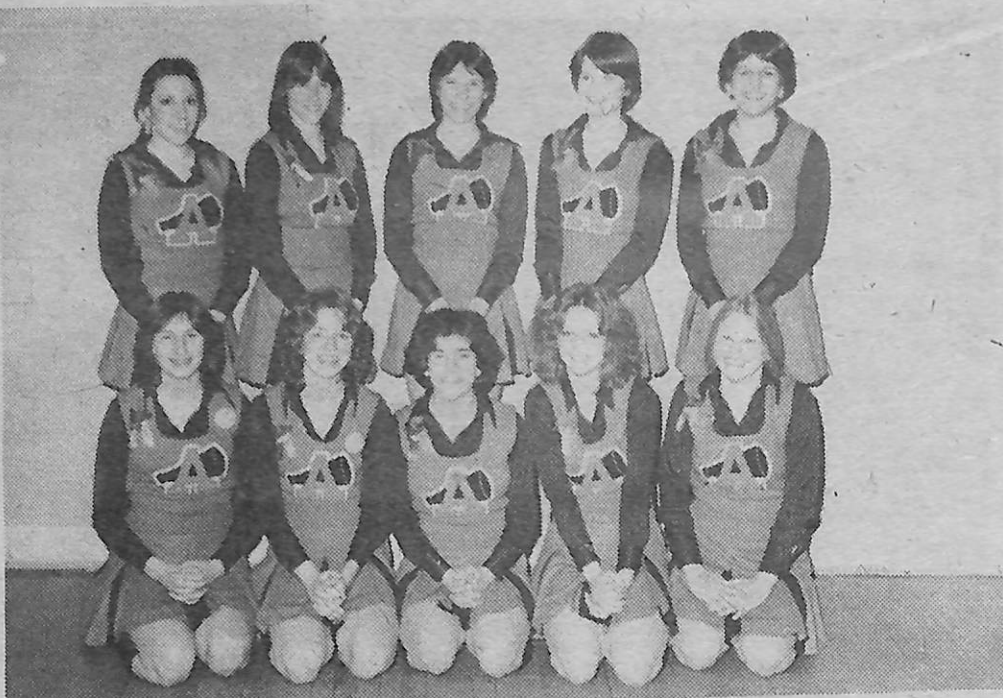
As soon as the bowling ball leaves your fingertips, countless factors come into effect that may affect your shot. Last week I was glancing through a book dealing with the sport of bowling, and was surprised to find that the sport is actually a science - almost as complex a baseball.

As in baseball, the rotation of the ball in bowling determines which pins will be knocked down, and which will be left standing. Believe it or not, rarely will you find a lane that is perfectly even, an

lane that is perfectly even, and most likely it will bow upward or downward slightly. This curve of the lane will cause the ball to edge toward one side or the other, missing the usual target, between the 1 and 3 pins (1 and 2 pins for a lefty).

On a solid pocket hit (for a right handed bowler) the ball hits the 1-3-5-9 pins, the 3 pin hits the 6, which in turn topples the 10 pin. The head-pin (1) takes out the 2-4-6 and 7 pins, while the 5 pin carries the 8 pin. **STRIKE!**

But why don't you score a strike every time you try? Mainly because you're not a machine. Many times you



Agawam's varsity cheerleaders are pictured in their basketball game uniforms. From left to right, front row: Ann Abbey, Barbara Plante, Jody Ferraro, Sue D'Alma, and Wendy Czerpak. Back row, same order: Carla Salotti, Joan Lancour, Lisa Ghedi, Mary Garvey, and Laurie Saracino. photo by Jack Devine

think you have a sure strike, only to leave the 10 pin. This is caused by many things, including too strong or weak a shot, bad angle, or a bad rack.

A weak shot won't have enough roll to drive the 3 pin strongly enough into the 6 pin, and will cause the 6 to merely roll in front of the 10 pin. Too solid of a shot will hit the pins with such force that it drives the 6 pin over or around the 10 pin.

Although the pins are set

automatically, there's no guarantee that the machine will set a perfect rack. A strike can be made virtually impossible, especially when the 3 and 6 pins are set off-spot. Also, the angle of the shot can leave the various pins standing. Slight adjustment in speed and angle can correct this, but it's best not to get carried away to the point where you're missing the pocket.

Not always will the first shot leave only the 10 pin standing. When others are left, it's best to shoot towards the extreme left pin, allowing enough room for the ball to hook a bit to the right.

On the other hand, lefties (no pun intended) don't have this problem, since they release their shot to the less-worn side of the lane, hooking the ball less. Their task is

easier, having less ridges and grooves to roll through. Aiming them to find an effective spot to shoot from.

I sometimes question the claim of bowlers as athletes. Do these so called "athletes" go through any type of conditioning to get in shape for tournament, as other participants? Did you ever watch a bowling tournament on TV? Some of the participants can be seen sitting down drinking some kind of beverage waiting for their next turn. I'm not criticizing anyone, as I know many bowlers who are good at what they do, but I don't feel the term fits with the 'sport'. After all, fishing and hunting are considered sports, but must one be an 'athlete' to participate in them?

Southwick Hockey News

Southwick's 6-8 team beat Agawam in an early morning game on Saturday, Jan. 27, with a score of 3-2.

Mark Frappier scored a hat trick with assists going to Mark Hosmer and Dale Kratochvil.

An excellent game was also played by Mark Bodak, Jeff Johnson, and goalie, "Dukie" Sheldon.

The 8-10 Southwick Police were victorious this weekend beating Holy Cross 4-0 and Wilbraham 3-0. This was the fourth shutout for our goalies Joey Gentry and Stacy Neill.

Goals were scored by Pat McDonnell (3), Jason LaBriere (his first two of the season), Skip Hathaway, and Russell Sabadosa.

Assists went to Robbie Haramut (3), Sabadosa (2), Andre Chabot, and Skip Hathaway. The team has been doing a fine job this season.

Southwick's 12-14 team beat East Springfield 6-1, tied East Longmeadow 3-3, and lost to 16 Acres 3-1.

Gene Davidson scored his 7th hat trick of the season, with other goals going to Joey Myette (2) and Doug Sullivan (2).

There was outstanding defense in the first game by Don Furlani and Mike Cecchini, who picked up two assists.

In the 16 Acres game, Sullivan, Davidson, Delcamp, Hoyt, and Checkousky skated exceptionally well after replacing injured captain Don Furlani and two suspended players. Chris Sheldon was outstanding in goal.

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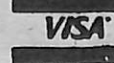
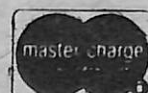


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Recent hockey action at the Coliseum. photo by Jack Devine

Agawam Blackhawks in 2nd Place

The 10-12 A Blackhawks coached by Ed Drewnowski took over second place this week, winning 2 out of 3 contests.

Agawam walloped Chicopee by a score of 7 to 1. Kevin Mercadante led the way with three goals, followed by goals from Chris Juzba, John O'Malley, Dean Liptak, and Jay Passerini. Assists went to Dennis Drewnowski, Mike Santori, Joe Dussault, John

Spellacy, Peter Sibilia, and Bill Beauregard.

The next day, the Blackhawks were defeated by first place Van Horn. John O'Malley scored Agawam's only two goals. He was assisted by Erik Blanchard, Joe Dussault, and Kevin Mercadante.

Agawam came back the next day to defeat Longmeadow 3-0 giving goalie David Liptak his second shutout of

the season. John O'Malley again scored two goals and Dean Liptak scored one. Assists came from Paul Ferraro and Jay Passerini.

John O'Malley was high scorer for the week with five goals. David Liptak had another fine week in goal, and the whole team is playing excellent hockey.

Their next league game is February 10th.



Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



Bulldogs Bite Brownies 8-4

Bill Sapelli's Brownies came crashing back to earth after a four week journey into the Berry Division's upper echelon, a sensation that not many local squads have experienced in recent years.

And despite the crushing 8-4 setback at the skates of Classical's Bulldogs Thursday February 1 at the West Springfield Coliseum, Sapelli and his charges are not ready to relinquish their claim to full membership in the league's elitist club.

"We have proved that we

can compete and win in this division," Sapelli said. "We have had a very long layoff and that's the worst thing which can happen to a hot club. I still believe we'll make the playoffs."

But for the moment, Classical ensured the Brownie playoff drive would remain in neutral. Winger Mike Robey, pulled the trigger four times leading an eight goal assault against senior netminder Kevin Murphy. Murphy had kept his mates in the thick of things until early in period

three when a three goal burst sealed Agawam's fate.

Ironically, the Brownies appeared to have the edge in play midway through period two, leading 2-1.

With Gary Melanson and Alan Hardina parked in the penalty box for simultaneous infractions, the Bulldogs enjoyed a five-on-three power play advantage. Thanks to some acrobatic goaltending on Murphy's part, Agawam successfully killed the double penalty.

Classical refused to heed frustration's call. They knotted things up a little over two minutes later.

Defensiveman Billy Disisco temporarily forged Agawam in front at the 11:42 mark. Jim Dow set up Disisco's backhanded score which rose over the shoulder of Dino Casagrande, Classical's fine goalie.

But any victory thoughts the Brownies might have entertained were soon dashed to ashes.

Robey ignited Classical's red light parade with a quick wrist shot by Murphy at 12:38. For Robey it marked bullseye number two.

Paul Vito and Steve Piteo followed the Robey example with goals thirty and fifty-two seconds later, vaulting Classical into a 5-3 advantage. Agawam ended the wild offensive stanza by barraging the Classical net from every angle possible. Casagrande proved equal to the challenge.

Although pesky Gary Melanson cut the deficit to 5-4 right off the bat in the final period, the explosiveness of Classical continued. The Brownie defense provided

Murphy with little cover.

Robey completed a nifty three-on-one break at 4:29 to negate the Melanson goal. It was that man Robey again with under two minutes remaining, then Paul Vito finalized the onslaught a minute later on a feed from Robey.

"It seemed they got all the breaks but we really didn't play that well," senior Bobby LaViolette noted. "We got caught up in ice too much, he added in reference to the numerous two and three-on-ones the Bulldogs produced. Sophomore forward Jimmy Shea who skates on the line as LaViolette credited Casagrande for keeping the Brownies off the board when it counted. "He had a real good game and made some clutch saves."

Shea, LaViolette, Melanson, Dow and Alan Hardina who Casagrande thwarted on a screeching point blank blast when the locals led 2-1 during first period action were robbed by the crafty Bulldog goalie. LaViolette and Dow accounted for Agawam's initial tallies.

The loss stopped a five game skein for Agawam while Classical moved to within striking distance of Berry Division front-runners Cathedral and Holyoke.

Chicopee Camp will attempt to keep the Brownies out of the winners circle when the two squads face-off Wednesday, February 7 at the Pioneer Rink. With the season winding down and the Brownies desperately hoping to retrace lost ground due to early season woes, the hometown favorites can ill afford another setback.

Growing cacti can be one of the most rewarding experiences a gardener can have. The cacti isn't always pretty to look at or easy to handle. It can sometimes look like a deprived orphan of the plant world, but when your cacti decide to bloom, there is no blossom any more beautiful on earth.

People who grow or collect cacti will tell you that they are truly beautiful plants. I am one of those people who collect cacti. The types of cacti available to be collected are endless. There are Chaparral, or true desert cacti, the mountainous cacti from the Andes of Peru, Bolivia, and Argentina, rain forest cacti and grassland cacti, which can be grown outdoors during our summer months with ease, the seashore cacti, which will actually enjoy being misted on occasion.

Cacti have their own special demands and need particular kinds of treatment. They have developed in response to either scarce or quickly-disappearing water supplies. Those of the chaparral receive small amounts of rain. The ones at the seashore and in the forests have rain quickly disappear on them.

As a result of all this, cactus roots are extremely susceptible to root rot. They must be potted in a soil mixture that has extremely good drainage properties, but never in straight sand alone. A container for cacti is strictly a matter of choice, but one with drainage holes is better.

Cacti require food if they are to flourish. Feed a well-balanced fertilizer during the growing period and omit feeding when the plants are in their dormant stages.

Watering cacti is a necessary and important part of their lives. There is the old tale about the lady who only watered her cacti when it rained in the Arizona desert (her phone bill was beyond belief!).

We all know that this just isn't the way to water cacti. They should be watered when they are almost dry. Dry here does not mean bone, dead dry, dust dry, desert dry. It means that the plants roots need periods during which they aren't very moist. This condition shouldn't be allowed to exist more than two or three days, and only that long when the plants aren't actively growing.

Cacti need moisture during their growing season. This usually falls between March and September. In damp, cloudy and cool weather, reduce the amount of water you give your plants or the excess may cause your plants to develop root rot.

Most all cacti need large quantities of bright light. Notice I said bright light, not sun. Some cacti will burn up to nothing in direct sunlight. If brown spots that look like scars occur on your cacti, they may well have been sunburned.


Be very careful when putting cacti outdoors for the summer months. They will love being outside, but don't put them in the direct hot sun at first. Keep them where they can get the cooler morning sun or about 3 hours of sun per day. This is enough for them to flourish without getting burned to a crisp.

The only insect pest that seems to be interested in cacti are mealy bugs. If one or two mealy bugs appear, they can be picked off by hand. If a larger number of them arrive, a nicotine sulfate spray should take care of the problem.

Once in a while, a red spider-mite will attack cacti. The same nicotine sulfate spray will take care of them.

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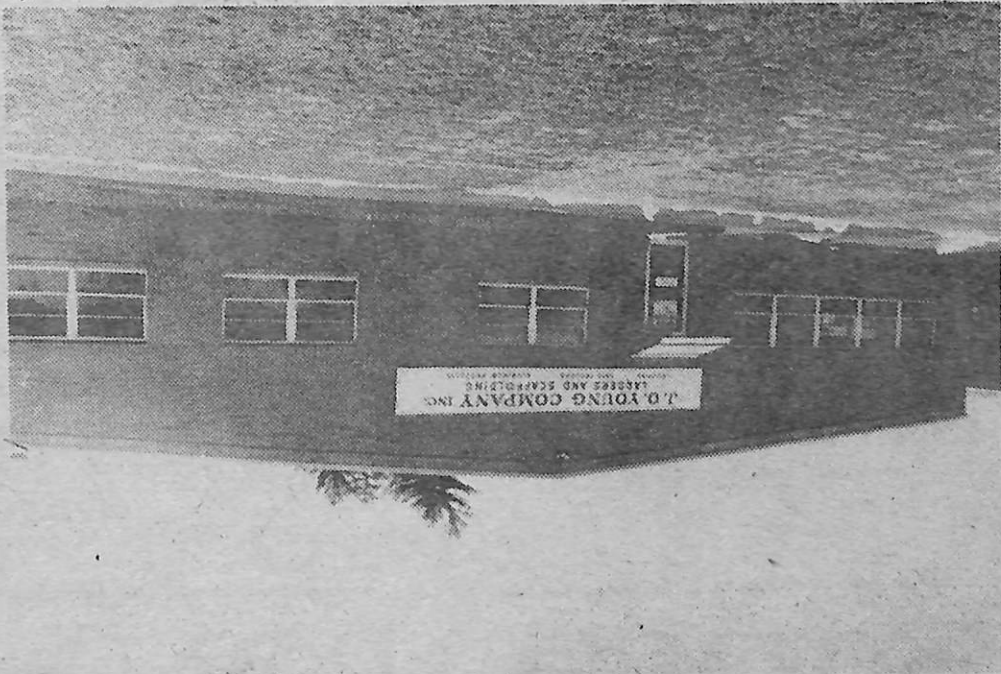
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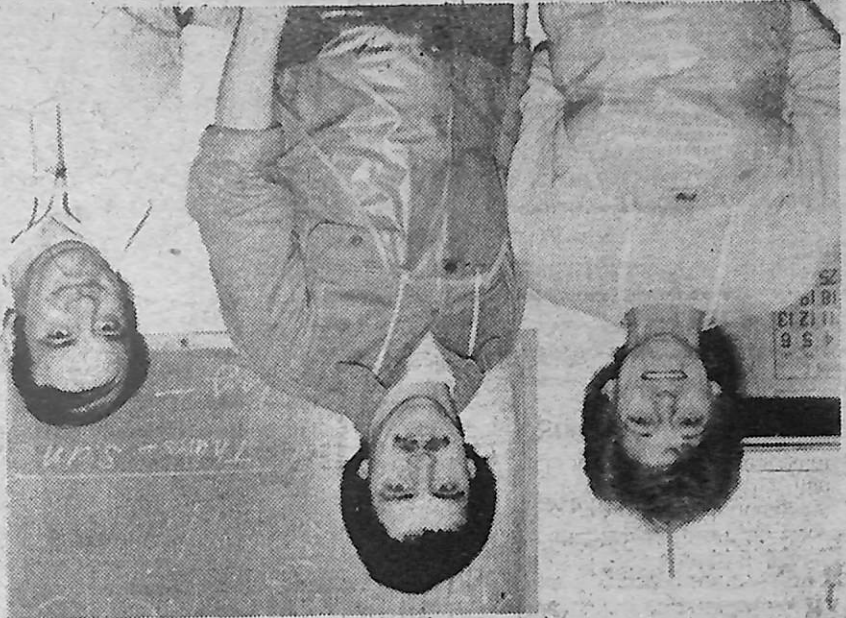
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